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REP. KING ASKS ACTION BY U.S. TO GET DOCTORS

Rep. Cecil King (D-Calif.) has called for immediate government action to relieve what he termed "a present and the threat of a continued shortage of doctors" in the United States.

The Congressman said that he would offer to the House Monday a resolution directing the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee to make a complete study of possible legislation setting up a system of government scholarships at recognized medical schools.

He indicated that the subsidization of medical students apparently is the only possible avenue left open in the alleviation of the present shortage of doctors.

Pointing out that the nation's health would be in grave peril if the shortage continues, King proposed that the way be paved for attendance at recognized medical schools at government expense provided that recipients of scholarships agreed to spend a specific time in government employ after graduation.

King said that he agreed with the statement made by U. S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran to the effect that the nation's most critical shortage by 1960 would be in medical doctors.

Parran has estimated that 50,000 to 55,000 more doctors than now are practicing in the country would be needed by 1960 to meet the demands for medical service.

The surgeon general also has said that the shortage of physicians were more acute in rural districts and predicted that the future shortage would have more serious implications if a system is not devised to encourage greater enrollment at the medical schools.

King emphasized that his resolution would not set up any subsidy plan but would permit the committee to explore all possible solutions to the problem.

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To Confer On Health Laws

Similarities and differences of city and county health laws and ordinances will be discussed at the joint meeting of the Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County health departments' Inspectors' Associations Friday evening, Feb. 13, at 6:30 o'clock at 4296 Crenshaw boulevard, Edward McLarty, Sr., president of the county group announced.

Wm. E. Simpson, district attorney, and R. L. Chesebro, city attorney, will be the speaker-guests. In addition to explaining the functions of their own offices in connection with enforcement of public health laws, the attorneys will discuss enforcement procedures used by health department inspectors.

Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles county health officer and Dr. George M. Uhl, Los Angeles city health officer, will be special guests.

Pupils Hear Librarian

Pupils of Perry School heard Miss Helen Kremer, first assistant, Children's Division, Los Angeles County Libraries on Monday of last week. Miss Kremer's visit was planned as a part of the Perry School's program to encourage recreational reading at all levels.

Miss Kremer reviewed books which were available at the Perry branch of the Los Angeles County Library for the children of each grade. Children were urged to secure cards from Mrs. Bert LeNoir, librarian, and to check out books which appealed to them.

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